

# NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Robert H. Lapp, Interim Pastor

MARCH 2025

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 17**

**Wallace Presbyterian Church**

**JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO END HUNGER**

**MORE INFORMATION COMING LATER**

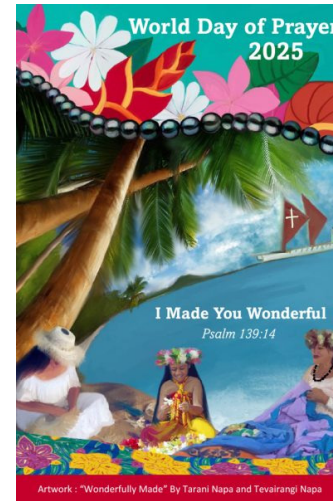


## Birthdays In March



- 4- Dana Myrick
- 5- Marie McGowen
- Natalie Gladden
- 6- Earleene Southerland
- 12- Hattie B. Farrior
- John Ludlum
- 16- Mary Kate White
- 21- Emily Saunders

- 21- Susan Carone
- Amanda Shea
- 24- Adlyn Jo Casteen
- 25- Dotsie Caproni
- 26- Whit Newkirk
- Melissa Stevens
- 27- Miller Ludlum
- 28- Susie Bullard



## Wallace Presbyterian Women

**World Day of Prayer 2025**

**"I Made You Wonderful!"**

*Psalm 139:14*

**Friday, March 7, at 10:00 am**

**Wallace Methodist Church**



We will celebrate World Day of Prayer 2025 on Friday, March 7, at 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall at Wallace Methodist Church. Wallace Presbyterian Women will provide the program entitled "I Made You Wonderful!" based on Psalm 139:14, prepared by the women of Cook Islands.

The service this year shares the stories of three different generations of Christian women from Cook Islands, who have shared stories of their struggle during Covid-19, of devaluation of their culture and the improvements in obstetric health care. Based on the words of Psalm 139, and woven within the stories, this worship service invites us to recognize that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care.

World Day of Prayer begins on the international dateline, in Samoa. Early in the morning, Christian women begin praying for our world. As the earth rotates, a great wave of prayer begins to build. It sweeps across the Pacific, touching Fiji and New Zealand, rolling on through Asia: Japan, the Philippines, Korea, and Bangladesh. The countries of Africa, and the Middle East are next. The wave reaches the shores of Europe as the day dawns there. Across the Atlantic, it moves onwards, the Caribbean, the Americas, and on the Pacific again until the sun finally sets over American Samoa where the final service takes place. A worldwide circle of prayer is complete.

Please plan on attending World Day of Prayer 2025 at Wallace Methodist Church. Engage in a worldwide wave of prayer for our world! Everyone is welcome.



Dear Friends,

Some of us did not grow up in a church that celebrated the season of Lent. However, it is the way that Christians have prepared themselves for the celebration of Easter for centuries. "What is most helpful for all Christians and Presbyterians to remember is that the time of Lent came into being after Easter was decided upon as an annual celebration," according to Jennifer Lord, professor at Austin Presbyterian Seminary. Lent was designed, therefore, to help prepare people to be baptized on Easter.

Lent is the 40 days (not counting Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Sundays are not counted because they represent the resurrection of the Lord. 40 is a significant number in the Scriptures - it depicts an important period of time between God and His people, i.e. Noah and the flood, Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness, Jesus' temptation in the desert.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. On that day from 12 noon - 1:00 pm, the sanctuary will be open for quiet meditation and to receive the imposition of ashes, if you'd like. A resource with scriptures and prayers will be provided. You're welcome to come and go during that hour as your schedule permits. The ashes remind us of the consequences of our sin which is death.

During Lent we remember and respond to the atoning death of Christ so that we may rise with Him. Thus, it is appropriate to give up something for Lent (dying) and to take on an opportunity to serve (rising). Here are some questions to consider during Lent (taken from our Baptismal Service):

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

May this Lent be a season to deepen our commitment to Christ and our neighbors.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Robb



## ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, February 18, 2025 stated session meeting, the elders and minister

- Heard a presentation from Kira Reyna of the Red Cross on the possibility of WPC becoming a Designated Emergency Shelter. Concerns were expressed about how this might impact our activities on Sunday mornings. We will continue the conversation but shared that Duplin Disaster Relief and Charity Rebuild are other agencies that should be contacted.
- Debbie Price will be WPC's commissioner to the Presbytery Meeting on March 1 at McPherson Presbyterian, Fayetteville. The proposed amendments to the constitution will be voted on at that meeting. A majority of the 166 presbyteries must approve before an amendment becomes part of the Book of Order.
- A Vision Summit will be held on March 15 at Graves Memorial Presbyterian to discuss the restructuring of the presbytery.
- The East Community Gathering of the Presbytery will be held at WPC on May 31.
- Rev. Laura L. Lupton is now the Bridge Associate General Presbyter for Mission Coordination and Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.
- There will be a called meeting of the Session on Sunday, March 9, 10:30 am in the Dining Room for the purpose of receiving new members.
- The home page on the website has been updated and includes our vision and mission statement.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee has posted our Mission Discernment Profile on the Church Leadership Connection website and has begun receiving Personal Discernment Profiles from potential candidates.
- The Outreach Committee is exploring ways for WPC to meet the needs of families in our schools all year round in addition to Christmas time.
- Presbyterian Women expressed interest in a project to make the portico door handicap accessible.
- There will be an Ash Wednesday drop-in service in the sanctuary from 12 noon - 1 pm.
- Souper Bowl of Caring offering collected \$642. The proceeds will go to our Helping Hands Food Pantry.
- The meeting was closed with prayer.

## WORSHIP

### MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
March 2	Royal Johnson	Robb Lapp
March 9	Karla Casteen	Robb Lapp
March 16	Sandy Cobb	Robb Lapp
March 23	Kevin Johnson	Robb Lapp
March 30	Geneva Maready	Robb Lapp



## FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, MARCH 23



We will receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, March 23. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. You may contribute to the offering in worship, by mailing a check to the church at P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, by dropping your contribution through the mail slot of the front door of the church office building, or by giving online at [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com).



**Food Pantry Needs for the month of March: Jam & Jelly Grape or Strawberry Jelly or Jam. Also, the Food Pantry needs plastic bags. If you have any extra plastic grocery bags, please bring them to the Food Pantry! Thank you!**



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2025 OFFERING = \$642**  
All money will support our Helping Hands Food Pantry.  
Thank you!



## QUARTERLY P.A.T.H. OFFERING Presbyterian Answer to Hunger Sunday, March 2



We will receive our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, March 2. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which, in turn, funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides funds for congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.



## Preaching Schedule

### MARCH 2025

Date	Sermon	Scripture
March 2	Some Saw Glory	Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)
March 9	If You Are the Son of God	Luke 4:1-13 (1st Sun of Lent)
March 16	Jesus Weeps For Us	Luke 13:31-35
March 23	God's Time	Luke 13:1-9
March 30	Parable of the Loving Father	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The sermon texts are provided so you can read them and pray about them before worship. Please keep our congregation and pastor in your prayers as we read and hear God's Word during the month of February.

03/02: Jennifer & Royal Johnson  
 03/09: Kristin & Bradley Cottle  
 03/16: Courtenay Parker Thompson  
 03/23: Emily & Hayes Ludlum  
 03/30: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore

Jason Rouse, Head  
 Michael Patram Sam Rose  
 Dave Wells

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

03/02: Emily & Miller Ludlum  
 03/09: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore  
 03/16: Kristin Cottle  
 03/23: Danielle Sills  
 03/30: Bailey Riley

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

March 1-15: Jason Rouse  
 March 16-31: Greg Maready

*CHURCH NEWS . . .For Your Information*

- \* **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering on Sunday, March 2.
- \* **World Day of Prayer** is Friday, March 7, at 10:00 am at Wallace Methodist Church. Wallace Presbyterian Women will provide the program.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor.
- \* **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, March 23.
- \* **We will receive** the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Building Offering on Sunday, March 30.



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

*"Dance For Life"*  
 Featuring  
**The River Bandits**  
 May 9, 2025 - 6p  
**Celtic Court Mad**  
**Boar**

All proceeds will go to support  
 Helping Hands Food Pantry  
 & Life Line Sampson!

Ticket includes Dinner,  
 Dancing and Great Music!  
 Tickets on sale April 1<sup>st</sup>  
 More Info To Follow

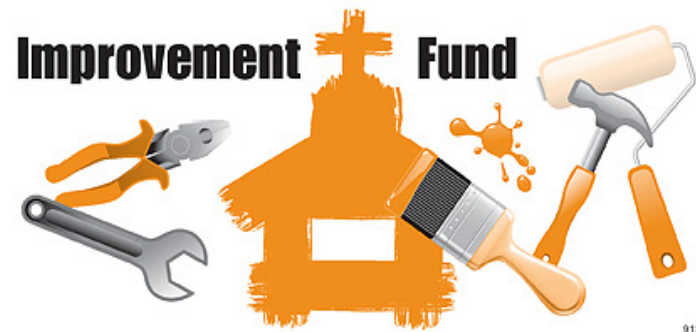


- ❖ Helping Hands Food Pantry provided food for 1,133 families in 2024. In November, the RL Family donated 422 bags of food and monetary donations along with 30 blankets and monetary donations for Western NC.
- ❖ Life Line Sampson provided 105 Ultrasounds for pregnant women and distributed 1063 diapers for needy moms in 2024



**Kirkwood Creation Camp 2025**  
**June 1-5**

(Creation Camp registration begins March 16 and closes on April 27.)



**5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday Building Offering  
March 30, 2025**

We will receive our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, March 30. This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!



**March 9, 2025 - Daylight Saving Time Starts**

When local standard time is about to reach 2:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00 am local daylight time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on March 9, 2025 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.



**Weekly Bible Study**

Wednesday morning, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304

You are invited to join our weekly Bible Study as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome.



**Youth Group Handbells!**

Our church has purchased a set of handbells for our youth who are 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older. No experience is needed to play and you don't need to read music. If you can count to four, you qualify as a member!

Rehearsals began on Sunday, January 12 at 9:45 AM during the Sunday School hour. Whole group rehearsals are 2-3 times per month (dates listed to the right), but we are also offering small group practice times on additional Sundays. Consistent attendance is extremely helpful when learning how to play together as a group.

We hope you will join us as we seek opportunities to worship and to be of service to our Church. Playing bells is not only fun but a joyous way to praise the Lord!



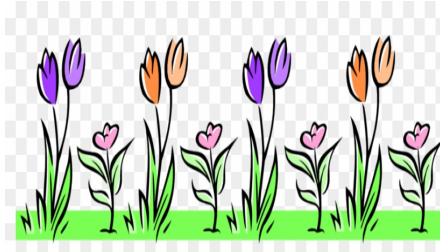
**Handbell Rehearsal Schedule**

- March 2  
Whole Group
- March 9  
Small Group
- March 23  
Whole Group
- March 30  
Small Group
- April 6  
Whole Group
- April 13  
Whole Group
- April 20  
Easter Sunday Performance



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Friday, April 17, 2025  
7:00 pm  
Good Friday Joint Service  
with  
Beulaville Presbyterian Church  
at  
Wallace Presbyterian Church

# March 2025



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- Home
- WPC Calendar
- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com

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